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Public (Genl) (1929) Department.

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G.O. No. 1298

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Arms Act-South Kanara District-Gun licence- Francis Souza- Renewal- Refusal by District Magistrate of South Kanara- Reason considered inadequate-

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To

His Excellency

The Right Honourable

The Governor of Fort Saint George.

M A D R A S.

Humble memorial of Francis Souza, son of Lawrence Souza, residing in Padukodi Village, Kulur Magane Mangalore Taluk, South Kanara District. Panambur P.O.

Most humbly Sheweth,

That memorialist most respectfully begs leave to approach Your Excellency with his following grievances with sanguine hopes that they will meet with redress.

2. That memorialist was holding a license No M. 137/5 in Form XVIII for a D. B. M. loader for the villages of Padukodi, Baikampady and Panambur of Mangalore Taluk and the said license was in force til the end of December 1928.

3. That in the month of July 1928 memorialist while returning home from hunting, had to cross by foot an arm of the river in Padukody village, and in his hard struggle to cross the strong rush of water caused by the rain which then fell in torrents, the cover containing the said license along with some other papers slipped from his pocket, which, memorialist observed only after crossing the water.

8. That the said fields are open to the ravages of foxes, rabbits and other wild animals which eat away, destroy and otherwise damage the crops of memorialist and as such, he stands in absolute need of a gun for sports and protection of his vast crops and he finds it very hard and inconvenient to ask his acquaintances to come to his lands now and then for destroying wild animals.

9. That memorialist humbly but strongly submits that he is in the same state and condition of life as when he was originally recommended for a license and bears an unblemished character.

10. That memorialist belongs to a respectable family of the Roman Catholic Community ever and always loyal to the British Crown.

11. That memorialist, therefore, most humbly prays that, on a favourable consideration of the above facts, Your Excellency's benign Government may be graciously pleased to order the grant of a Duplicate license to memorialist for his gun worth Rs.|100/- and now lying in deposit in the local Taluk Police Station.

For which act of Justice and Benevolence, memorialist shall, as in duty bound, ever pray and remain ever grateful.

Mangalore,
6th November 1929

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Public (gen'l) Deptt.

Endt No. 4413-1 d. 14-11-29.

Referred to the D. M of South Kanara for remarks. The connected records should be submitted with the reply.

(By order)

Under Secretary.
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11.11.29.

To,

The D. M of South Kanara.
(with ppr 1-5 cf in orig'l
to be returned with reply)

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PUBLIC (GENERAL) DEPARTMENT.

Subject:- Indian Arms Act--license in form XIX--Francis Souza cancellation--Government endorsement 4413--1 Public (General) dated 14th November 1929.

No. Ref. C2 11264--1929.

S t a t i o n: M A N G A L O R E. Dated 19th November 1929.

From

G. W. Wells, Esq, M.A. I.C.S.,
District. Magistrate of South Kanara.

To

The Secretary to Government,
Public (General) Department,
M A D R A S.

S i r,

Referring to the above endorsement I request that my designation may be written in full in future communications. I submit the appeal petition of Francis Souza with its enclosure, and enclose the two files of my office relating to petitioner's case (1) L. Dis. 5978--28 dated 31st July 1928 and (2) L. Dis. 9647--28 dated 17th December 1928.

2. The petitioner had a license in form XIX Man 137/5 for a Double Barrelled Muzzle loading gun. He lost the license and applied for a duplicate on 12th July 1928. The petition was sent by my predecessor Mr. Herbert for investigation as to whether petitioner's loss was due to carelessness. His observations dated 14th July 1928 which are in the file L. Dis. 5978--28 may be perused. The investigation showed that petitioner lost his license in trying to swim a channel, with his gun in his hand and a bag

containing the license hanging to his shoulders. His license was therefore cancelled by Mr. Herbert on 30th July 1928, evidently on the ground that he had failed to take sufficient care of it.

3. On 25th October 1928 petitioner applied for the restoration of the license. I directed fresh enquiry to be held into his case, found that he had no necessity for a license and declined to restore his license.

4. The Double Barrelled Muzzle Loading gun belonging to petitioner is in deposit at the Mangalore Taluk Police station.

Your obedient servant,

19.11.29

Dt. Magistrate.

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ORDER.

No. 1298, dated 16. 12. 1929.

Ms

D.M. of S. Kanara is informed that

2. The Government consider the reason urged by the Dt Magte of South Kanara for refusing to renew the licence of Francis Souza inadequate.

3. The petitioner is referred to the Dt Magte of South Kanara for orders on his petition.

13.12.29.

13.12.29

Dpd. by R. Post Manager

Bpr'd. initd. 17.12.29

Date 192

To

The Dt Magte of South Kanara.
(with refce to his letter No.Ref G2.11264/29 dated 19-11-29.)
(with records returned)

Francis Souza, Padukodi village, Kulur Magane, Mangalore Taluk, South Kanara dt, Panambur P.O.
(Para 3 only.) With page 5 cf returned.

Note Para 1 only